Report of enquiry committee on plane hijacking

2164. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enquiry Committee set up to ascertain the circumstances under which the hijacked plane was allowed to fly from Amritsar and other connected matter has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No enquiry Committee has been set up by the Government. However, the CBI is investigating the offences arising out of the incident of hijacking of IC-814 flight of Indian Airlines on 24th December, 1999.

Revised strategy of militants in Kashmir

2165. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether militants are successful in their revised strategy of carrying war directly with the security forces in Kashmir during the past three or four months; and

(b) if so, the pro-active policy proposed to be undertaken to combat insurgency in Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) To boost their sagging morale and to avenge the humiliation suffered during the Kargil conflict, the terrorists were directed by their master from across in Pakistan to carry out spectacular acts against the security forces to gain wide publicity. Initially, such suicidal attacks came as a surprise but soon the security forces changed their tactics and were successful in reducing the impact of such attacks to negligible. Also, the number of security persons killed in the last four months would show that such attacks are on the decline.

Steps to flush out militants and curb militant activities including closer vigil on the border, establishment of more naka parties in depth area to check infiltration/ex-filtration, establishment of more pickets, intensive